REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2004, Claims 1-23, 37-39, and 54-59 are now in this application. Claims 37, and 54-59 have been amended. Claims 24-36 and 40-53 have been canceled. Claims 1-59 were subject to a restriction and/or election.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner alleges that this application contains claims directed to the following patentability distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species 1, pages 8-11, Fig. 1; Species 2, pages 11-16, Figs. 2-4; Species 3, pages 16-17, Fig. 5; Species 4, page 17, Figs. 6A, 6B; Species 5, pages 17-18, Figs. 7A, 7B; Species 6, pages 18-19, Fig. 8; Species 7, page 20, Fig. 16; Species 8, pages 20-22, Fig. 17; Species 9, pages 22-25, Fig. 21.

Election of Species:

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species of FIG. 5, specifically, claims 1-20, 22, 23, 37-39, 54-56, 58, and 59.

Amendments:

Claims 24-36 correspond to claims allowed in the parent case, and are therefore canceled. Also, claims 40-53 are canceled as directed to subject matter covered by others of the pending claims. The present amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 24 into claim 37, thereby making claim 37 independent. Claims 54-56, 58 and 59 have been amended to depend from claim 37. Also, claims 54, 58 and 59 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 25.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing corrections and remarks, it is respectfully requested and allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

If, However, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner should telephone Robert Wallace at (805) 644-4035 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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